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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE BISHOPS EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH
BISHOPS OF MOZAMBIQUE

1. PERMANENT COUNCIL OF PORTUGUESE BISHOPS HELD
MEETING AT END OF SEPTEMBER. COMMUNIQUE RELEASED
OCTOBER 2 INCLUDES FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:

"HAVING BEEN BROUGHT UP TO DATE BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE, THE COUNCIL
CONSIDERED SOME ASPECTS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE
CHURCH IN THAT OVERSEAS TERRITORY AND DECIDED TO SHOW
ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE BISHOPS THERE, WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED
REMARKABLE PASTORAL SOLICITUDE IN THE SPREADING OF THE
GOSPEL AND IN THE ADVANCEMENT AND DEFENSE OF THE
POPULATIONS."

2. GOVERNMENT-LINING DIARIO DE NOTICIAS AND EPOCA
HAVE IGNORED BISHOPS' COMMUNIQUE. SLIGHTLY MORE
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INDEPENDENT SECULO CARRIED TEXT WITHOUT COMMENT,

ON INSIDE PAGES; SMALL CIRCULATION CATHOLIC DAILY,
NOVIDADES, WHICH, AS OFFICIAL CHURCH ORGAN, IS NOT
SUBJECT TO CENSORSHIP, PRINTED TEXT IN BOLDFACE
ON FRONT PAGE, OPPOSITONIST REPUBLICA GAVE PROMINENT
COVERAGE TO TEXT UNDER HEADLINE "BISHOPS OF METROPOLE
EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH BISHOPS OF MOZAMBIQUE."

3. COMMENT: WE SENSE INCREASE IN CHURCH-STATE TENSIONS
IN METROPOLITAN PORTUGAL STEMMING FROM LONG SERIES OF
CHURCH-RELATED DIFFICULTIES IN MOZAMBIQUE.
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